

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-14

AIR QUALITY IN THE TREASURE VALLEY

WHEREAS, scientific data and discussion at a recent Governor's Conference on Air Quality in the Treasure Valley established that continued degradation of air quality in the Treasure Valley will jeopardize the health of our citizens, and could severely impact the economy and development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho can lead by example in the efforts to improve and protect air quality in the Treasure Valley; and

WHEREAS, exhaust emissions from motor vehicles are a source of air pollution in the Treasure Valley and, in performing their duties and servicing the residents of the State of Idaho, the executive agencies and employees of the State of Idaho own or lease a significant fleet of motor vehicles and operate other sources of air pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this state do hereby order effective immediately that:

- 1. In consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality, each executive department director shall:*
 - a. Develop, adopt and implement a response plan to reduce air emissions from agency operations and employee commuting practices during times of elevated levels of air pollution in the Treasure Valley; and*
 - b. Adopt policies and practices which ensure that vehicles and other emissions sources purchased and operated by the agency and its employees in the Treasure Valley produce the least amount of emissions possible given the agency's operating, business and customer needs.*
- 2. Working with other agencies and the private sector, within six months from the date of this Executive Order, the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Energy Division shall develop an implementation strategy to assess and enhance the use of appropriate alternative fuel supplies as a means of air quality improvement and protection in the Treasure Valley.*
- 3. The Department of Administration shall:*
 - a. Ensure that its policies and procedures facilitate and support the goals and objectives of this Executive Order; and*
 - b. Develop statewide contracts for low emission vehicles to be purchased by state agencies in the Treasure Valley.*
- 4. The faculty and researchers of the universities of the State of Idaho are encouraged to continue their efforts to better quantify and understand the sources, atmospheric dispersion and chemistry of air pollution in the Treasure Valley, and to improve the body of knowledge with regard to technical and management solutions available (or which can be made available) to address air quality issues in the Treasure Valley.*

5. *Each executive department director or other appointing authority shall be responsible for ensuring that his or her agency is complying with the above directive.*
6. *All Idaho businesses, governments and citizens are encouraged to participate in efforts consistent with this Executive Order.*
7. *Annually, the Department of Environmental Quality shall review and report to the Office of the Governor on the actions taken by the executive departments to comply with the directives, purpose and intent of this Executive Order.*

This Executive Order shall cease to be effective four years after its entry into force.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Isukpa".

BEN ISUKPA
SECRETARY OF STATE